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1. ONLY COMMUNICATION FROM PAUL FUGATE OF MISSISSIPPI MARKET-
ING COUNCIL IS COMMERCIAL CABLE DELIVERED EMBASSY SEPTEMBER 28
STATING THAT QUOTE GOVERNOR WALLER AND I RETURNING TO TEHRAN
OCTOBER 16-23 WITH FEW BUSINESSMEN UNQUOTE AND REQUESTING
US TO CONFIRM WITH PRIVATE IRANIAN BUSINESSMAN FRED MATLOUB
THAT HE ARRANGING HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AND WORKING ON APPOINT-
MENTS WITH FIVE MINISTERS AND PRESIDENT OF IRANIAN CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE, WHICH FUGATE SAYS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY LETTER.

2. EMBOFF TALKED TO FRED MATLOUB OCTOBER 2 WHO SAID HE HAS
SIX CONFIRMED ROOMS AT COMMODEORE AND FOUR REQUESTED AT
INTERCONTINENTAL. HE HAS BEEN TOLD THAT MISSION COM-
PRISES TEN PEOPLE ALTHOUGH HE HAD NOT RECEIVED COMPANY
AFFILIATIONS OR PRODUCT LINES. MATLOUB APPARENTLY NOT
REQUESTED TO OBTAIN PRIVATE SECTOR OR WORKING LEVEL
MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS. HOW IS GROUP PLANNING TO ARRANGE
THESE APPOINTMENTS?

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3. FUGATE CABLE DID NOT REQUEST EMBASSY COMMENTS OF
ASSISTANCE OTHER THAN PARA ONE BUT WE SUGGEST THAT USDOC
INFORM FUGATE OF AGRI-FOOD FAIR OCTOBER 31 THROUGH NOVEMBER
6 AS COMPOSITION OF GROUP IF FOLLOWS PREVIOUS MISSION WILL
CONTAIN NUMBER OF AGRIBUSINESS-RELATED MEMBERS. GOVERNOR
WALLER AND FUGATE SHOULD ALSO BE INFORMED OF ALTERATION
IN BUSINESS CLIMATE SINCE PREVIOUS VISIT (REFTEL B) WITH
SUGGESTION THAT THEY POSTPONE THEIR VISIT UNTIL SITUATION
CLARIFIES AND/OR UNTIL THEY DO MORE SPADEWORK REGARDING
CURRENT LOCAL BUSINESS INTEREST.
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